

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes - Draft

January 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Opening Prayer by Fr. Portelli.

Members present: Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon, Melissa Esiline, Joe Sisco, Mark Graveline, John Cantalin, Mark Harris, Kristen Willert and Carolyn Brinkman.

Member's absent: Jamie Cameron (excused)

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 28, 2019 meeting.

Updates

Status of Campus Renovation Project – Father: We have been meeting with the Diocese of Saginaw Liturgical Office about our submitted plans for the renovation. The Liturgical Office responded with 10 items that needed to be addressed. With Lou DiCocco, Fr. responded to 8 of the items and feels that these have been addressed and should be resolved. Fr. is concerned that two items are significant and need to be addressed further. The Diocese feels that new church renovations should include a “living waters” baptismal font (includes running water with plumbing). Since the cost of providing plumbing to the back of the church would be considerable, Fr. responded that we will keep the existing baptismal location and fixture without change. The last item concerned the plan to use a reredos from another parish. The diocese feels that the reredos should not exceed the length of the altar. This is a major change which would mean cutting the ends of the reredos and materially affect the beauty of the piece. Fr. is considering appealing the decision to the Liturgical Office or the Bishop, if necessary. No response about the lighting and sound system as yet.

LifeTouch Parish Directory – Poxon: The draft of directory has been received and the office has made the necessary changes required. Fr has approved the printing of the directory with changes made. The parish will receive approximately 200 copies from LifeTouch. About 170 families had their picture taken and 30 additional copies provided will be used for new parish members. Parish families that have not had their pictures taken will not receive a printed LifeTouch directory. Dave discussed printing a limited “directory only” book especially for these families so they at least will have a book with parishioner’s names, address and phone numbers. Dave will work with the office to obtain the pdf from LifeTouch, make the 200+ copies, laminate the cover and staple the spline.

Judge Shaffer Endowment-Poxon: Kristen Smith, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM) will be here at the Parish Center on February 11th at 10am for our first meeting.

SHP Security Plan Volunteer(s) - Poxon: Dave will meet with John Cantalin to start work on the Security Plan.

Formed Communication Tool - Father: There has been good feedback from the introduction of Formed at weekend masses. Demonstrations have been given showing how the system works. Currently, the streaming content is available only on the Roku streaming devices. The Augustine Institute is working with FireTV to allow users to access to the streaming site with FireTV devices. Fr. noted that Formed now allows downloading content and watching offline. For parishioners that don't have high speed

internet access at home could download content from work or even the parish activity center and watch at home. Formed now offers Formed Daily Reflections, an email subscription that provides you daily content via your email address. Fr. noted that he will be providing weekly suggestions of programs to watch in each bulletin.

New Business

Increased Participation by PC Members – Poxon/Father: This item is in response to the observations that PC meetings in the past have been a status update of subjects affecting SHP. Fr. noted that a better approach is a proactive discussion and plan of action to support the Parish efforts to advance the mission of the church (passive vs proactive approach). As mentioned in the past, PC should be more focused on the spiritual needs of the parish and the Finance Council more the financial and administrative needs. Kristen inquired if there is any process or app in place to follow the status of the various groups and initiatives in the parish. Fr. mentioned the Parish App has the functionality but is currently not used. Fr. noted he will have the office update the parish organization chart as a guide to who can we contact to follow up with a particular group/initiative. Fr. highlighted the areas of Charity (The Mission), Catechesis, Pro Life movement, Liturgy, Christian Service, Evangelization and Spiritual Matters to name a few. He feels that the PC needs to look at 3-4 areas to focus their efforts. He suggested that after the meeting he will discuss with Dave on coming up with the list of areas that should be the priority.

Open Discussion – Mark noted that the diocese has subject matter experts willing to come to the parish to discuss specific topics that may be helpful to the parish. Melissa will follow up with Mary in the office to make sure that new members are welcomed and PC will follow up to make sure the process is in place. Mark noted that Stuff the Bus for Life has shown interest on Facebook. Fr. noted 15 are coming from SHP so far.

Next Meeting proposed: February 11, 2020 at 6:15 PM

Closing Prayer by Father at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Minutes: Joe Sisco/Dave Poxon